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Re: Enclosed § 1.116 Amendment  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/871,994  
Our Ref: GOT.058

Dear Examiner Sun:

Enclosed is the Amendment, responsive to the July 17, 2003 Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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